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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

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| Attorney Docket No.    |                          |
| First Inventor         | RICKY D. McGEE           |
| Title                  | METHOD AND MEANS FOR ... |
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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1.  Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3.  Specification [Total Pages 10]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 4]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 2]
  - a.  Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
    - i.  DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7.  CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable; all necessary)
  - a.  Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i.  CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii.  Paper
  - c.  Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
11.  English Translation Document (if applicable)
12.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations
13.  Preliminary Amendment
14.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16.  Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17.  Other: .....

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

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Prior application information: Examiner \_\_\_\_\_ Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_  
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| Signature         | <u>Dennis L. Thomte</u> |                                   |        |

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL

## for FY 2003

Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 770.00)

## Complete if Known

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| Application Number   |                |
| Filing Date          |                |
| First Named Inventor | RICKY D. McGEE |
| Examiner Name        |                |
| Art Unit             |                |
| Attorney Docket No.  |                |

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## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description        | Fee Paid |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| 1001 750                   | 2001 375                   | Utility filing fee     | 770.00   |
| 1002 230                   | 2002 165                   | Design filing fee      |          |
| 1003 520                   | 2003 260                   | Plant filing fee       |          |
| 1004 750                   | 2004 375                   | Reissue filing fee     |          |
| 1005 160                   | 2005 80                    | Provisional filing fee |          |
| SUBTOTAL (1)               |                            | (\$)                   | 770.00   |

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| Total Claims       | 11 | -20** = | 0 | x |  | = |  |
|--------------------|----|---------|---|---|--|---|--|
| Independent Claims | 3  | - 3** = | 0 | x |  | = |  |
| Multiple Dependent |    |         |   |   |  |   |  |

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 1202 18                    | 2202 9                     | Claims in excess of 20                                     |
| 1201 84                    | 2201 42                    | Independent claims in excess of 3                          |
| 1203 280                   | 2203 140                   | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |
| 1204 84                    | 2204 42                    | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 1205 18                    | 2205 9                     | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |
| SUBTOTAL (2)               |                            | (\$ 0)   |

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## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

| Fee Code (\$) | Fee (\$)    | Fee Code (\$) | Fee (\$)    | Fee Description  | Fee Paid |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--|----------|
| 1051 130      | 2051 65     | 2051 65       | 2051 65     | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  |          |
| 1052 50       | 2052 25     | 2052 25       | 2052 25     | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     |          |
| 1053 130      | 1053 130    | 1053 130      | 1053 130    | Non-English specification  |          |
| 1812 2,520    | 1812 2,520  | 1812 2,520    | 1812 2,520  | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination                            |          |
| 1804 920*     | 1804 920*   | 1804 920*     | 1804 920*   | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 1805 1,840*   | 1805 1,840* | 1805 1,840*   | 1805 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 1251 110      | 2251 55     | 2251 55       | 2251 55     | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 1252 410      | 2252 205    | 2252 205      | 2252 205    | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 1253 930      | 2253 465    | 2253 465      | 2253 465    | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 1254 1,450    | 2254 725    | 2254 725      | 2254 725    | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 1255 1,970    | 2255 985    | 2255 985      | 2255 985    | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 1401 320      | 2401 160    | 2401 160      | 2401 160    | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 1402 320      | 2402 160    | 2402 160      | 2402 160    | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 1403 280      | 2403 140    | 2403 140      | 2403 140    | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 1451 1,510    | 1451 1,510  | 1451 1,510    | 1451 1,510  | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 1452 110      | 2452 55     | 2452 55       | 2452 55     | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |          |
| 1453 1,300    | 2453 650    | 2453 650      | 2453 650    | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
| 1501 1,300    | 2501 650    | 2501 650      | 2501 650    | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |          |
| 1502 470      | 2502 235    | 2502 235      | 2502 235    | Design issue fee   |          |
| 1503 630      | 2503 315    | 2503 315      | 2503 315    | Plant issue fee  |          |
| 1460 130      | 1460 130    | 1460 130      | 1460 130    | Petitions to the Commissioner  |          |
| 1807 50       | 1807 50     | 1807 50       | 1807 50     | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)  |          |
| 1806 180      | 1806 180    | 1806 180      | 1806 180    | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                  |          |
| 8021 40       | 8021 40     | 8021 40       | 8021 40     | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |          |
| 1809 750      | 2809 375    | 2809 375      | 2809 375    | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))                |          |
| 1810 750      | 2810 375    | 2810 375      | 2810 375    | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))             |          |
| 1801 750      | 2801 375    | 2801 375      | 2801 375    | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    |          |
| 1802 900      | 1802 900    | 1802 900      | 1802 900    | Request for expedited examination of a design application                  |          |

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION  
UNDER  
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

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| First Named Inventor | RICKY D. McGEE                                |
| Title                | METHOD AND MEANS FOR REDUCING STRESS IN A ... |
| Atty Docket Number   |   |

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

2-6-2004

Date



Signature

RICKY D. McGEE

Typed or printed name

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